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**Immediate past President Rob Hyde, Lorraine Hyde and Sasha  
At the Bindoon car show**

**MINUTES OF THE V.A.A.W.A. GENERAL MEETING**  
19 Helen Street, Bellevue.10th September 2019

Ok so something went wrong this month ! I cannot find the September Minutes, I am not sure if Dave Currell sent them and I have lost them or if Dave forgot to send them, so with Dave being out of the country and not in email contact often. Unfortunately there will be no minutes in this magazine but hopefully they will be available at the meeting.

**The VAA Ten Years ago;**

Ray Smith was President, Ross Lang Vice President, Rhonda Barton was the Secretary.

The VAA held an open day for members of the public.

There was a club run to the discovery centre organised by Martin Paine

Members were planning to attend the Caversham Historic Fair

Raffle winners were, Thomas Benson, Graeme Barton, Mike Hill and Greta Siroen

**The VAA 15 years ago**

The president was Martin Paine, Vice president was Ralph Harrison Debbie Paine was the secretary.

Charles Heinrich was organising a run to Hyden over two days

Barry Ryle has organised a movie night in aid of Alzheimer research.

Brian Pilton lamented the lack of female involvement in the club

The raffle winners were Peter Dunk, Greta Siroen and Charles Heinrich.

**The VAA 20 years ago**

The President was John Padgett, Vice President Glen Hodda, Secretary Tony Sutcliffe and the Treasurer was Cheryle McDermid

A run to Jimmy Dean's Diner scheduled for the 17th September

Adrian Barnes organising a Spring in the Valley run

Work continuing on the clubrooms, including the parts shed and inspection area. An extensive report from Neville Cullenane in the September edition of Past Times.

The club constitution was changed to allow for a wind up clause in order to pursue government funding.

Raffle winners were Lena Shanks, Darryl Beachy and Derek withers

**Open Studio**

I often think it is a shame that the man in the street has a reluctance to view Art as it is sometimes seen as elitist and overpriced. Here is a chance to look at some eclectic, experimental Art to discuss and pass your opinion and with a bit of luck take away a feeling of looking at something, that might strike you as beautiful, or not, for whatever reason. I look forward to meeting you.

Cynthia Payne

## **From the President's desk**

I was so sorry to miss the busy bee last month it was probably the first I have missed since I had my shoulder re-construction several years ago, but I was very happy to see such a good turnout and the results speak for themselves. Well done to all those who took time out to help. I have already started to get quotes for the repairs for our clubrooms including the concrete floor but also painting and general refurbishing all subject to us getting some funding from external sources of course. I will start making representations on behalf of the club once we have a draft copy of our scrapbook. I know that Rhonda Jessica and Loris have been chipping away at it so thank you ladies.

I did not realise that Dave Currell and Frank Ferrari were going to be away at the same time when I volunteered to do the magazine so apart from renovating a house, I am acting editor, acting secretary and registrar as well as President I wonder at my own sanity sometimes.....

The one think I find curious about our club is the ability to get a great turnout at a general club meeting, we have had up to 90 more usual to have between 50 and 60 yet at an event arranged by our club or indeed others we barely manage 10 members on a good day? and then some come in their moderns? What can we do to entice you to attend events in your classic car? do you have any ideas that we can work on any place you would like us to arrange a drive to? Please do let Debbie Paine know or contact myself.

Newer members may not know that the sausage sizzle is provided free by the club but the supper is provided by our members so if you have been enjoying a bit of supper perhaps you might like to make a small contribution sometime.

Tony Warner

President

## **From the Secretary & Registrars Desk**

Hi Everyone.

As I write this, it is 17<sup>th</sup> September and barely a week from the last monthly meeting. But I am off to Reunion Island tomorrow for a couple of weeks of climbing and canyoning followed by a couple of weeks in Mauritius eating and drinking to recover! Notwithstanding, there is already a bit going on. We have another 3 concessionally licensed vehicles from new members.

The issue of 23 or 10% of our membership not renewing for 2019/20 was raised at the last monthly meeting. From those I spoke to, the major reason for not renewal are the disposal of their vintage vehicle or moving and finding a more convenient local club. I don't know whether this level of not renewing is higher than previous years. When I return, I will have a closer look at comparisons with previous years and maybe survey the resigned members for feedback with regards any issues or improvements for our club.

The building busy bee was a great success. Thank you very much to everyone that made for an excellent turnout who quickly dealt with our plans for the day. The carpet has been removed, the front stage shortened to make room for another row of seats and repairs to the leaking workshop roof planned. This is great pre-requisite work to refurbishing the club rooms enabling quotes for work required so additional funding can be sought. To that end, Loris, Rhonda and Jessica made good progress with setting up a Club Scrapbook of our activities.

We made it to the Bunnings Harrisdale Display on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Bunnings were very happy the we made the effort to support their Spring Festival. Thank you very much to Bob de Jong (Citroen), Brian Pilton (Ford), Alan Warner (Daimler) and Carmello Barillo (Camaro) for their special effort to get there. I took my Westfield. I hope to use the contact and goodwill from this event to get a Bunnings sausage sizzle to raise additional club funds.

See you in a month, happy vintage motoring and take care!

Dave

## Lake Perkillili

A few pictures from the Red Dust Revival. Lake Perkillili last week. My Lagonda ran well, there was a great turn out and lots of dust. Unfortunately a few cars did not survive the meet.

Cheers Paul Dean



Paul Dean's Lagonda centre picture

What a great line up !



More than a couple of Indian's with a smattering of BSA's

## Fun in the Valley, 11th September

What a beautiful day for a run. The first stop was Illusionary art. We have been here a couple of years ago, but Thomas has changed address and added lighting to enhance his art. Those who haven't been before were well impressed by the movement he creates in his art. Off we went to taste "The house of Honey's" goods, always a pleasure and then back to the Cafe Du Quatier for lunch.

We all had a great time, even some of us ladies got on our bikes. Debbie



An enjoyable lunch by all accounts



Bigger bikes perhaps ?

## Wednesday Men

Life is Strange ..

As a boy I, like most, didn't embrace with fervor the subject of "English" at school. It was with particular disappointment that when dropping the school bag on the floor of English class that the teacher announced with a smile – 'today I want you to write a composition about ....'. I then proceeded to suck my pen for 40 minutes while my teacher read her latest Mills & Boone or whatever.

Yet something must have stuck because here I am writing some bull dust about life being strange.

Once upon a time there was a man who crossed our coastline and therefore became one of us. Ending up getting through a Mechanics apprenticeship only to find his skin and petrochemicals associated with mechanicking, didn't play well together – in fact he had to give it away and earn dosh some other way.

Finding success as a Crane Operator in various bush construction joints, he was cashed up and happy to be one of the boys. One thing he avoided like the plague was anything that could vaguely be termed 'boss', leading hand, management, etc etc.

Fast forward decades and now we find that man presiding over the enterprise of the VAA Workshop. Initially a reluctant 'Workshop Manager', he is now the consummate 'Leading Hand' – without pay!

Isn't Life Strange ..?

## **Busy Bee 14th September 2019**

With 16 keen members already to get things going, the main goals were achieved by lunch time by the team.

Rhonda, Loris, and Jessica were working on grant applications for funds to pay for the work expected in the future.

In no time, the Rostrum was modified to add another row of seats. The back-row boys are now promoted to the front, Ha Ha!

The carpet was taken up, now the vehicle hoist area has carpet for comfort and to mop up the odd drip of oil.

The condition of the wooden floor in the Library was investigated, along with a list of materials needed to fix the leaking workshop roof. Great work by the members who turned up.

### **The Members who helped were**

Dave Currell  
Mark Mc Kenzie  
Ron Bracken  
Ray Smith  
Paul Fitzgerald  
Graham Hough

Jessica Bracken  
Robert Hyde  
Graeme Barton  
Colin Barton  
Loris cooper

Domenic Paoliello  
Martin Paine  
Brian Pilton  
Bob De Jong  
Rhonda Barton

Martin Pain



Loris, Rhonda and Jessica



Busy Bee Morning Tea

### **A note from the Events Coordinator**

Due to the Perry's and a lot of us getting back from Bunnawarra on the Tuesday before the mid week run on the 9th, that event has been cancelled, instead members have been invited to our resident artist's house, Cynthia Payne to view her artwork at 10:00am. Her address is on the calendar.

Just another note, I would like some more input for weekend events. Remember we are getting into summer so maybe another evening run?

Debbie 0433365886

## JAW DROPPING & INSPIRING CAR COLLECTION IN FLORIDA

Thank you to Mark Bearman for sharing another story. He sent me a link to a **YouTube video 'Tails Fins & Chrome: Cars of Dreams'**. There are some stunning & immaculate cars in this museum. If you have the internet go and look at this video. There's everything from 1950s convertibles to muscle cars including an original Shelby Cobra.

[https://www.youtube.com/embed/WbN\\_BAn55a4](https://www.youtube.com/embed/WbN_BAn55a4) (recorded in July 2010).

It's a story about one of the largest private car collections in the World. Vintage vehicles housed in a building larger than a football field in Palm Beach, Florida. Described as 'jaw dropping and inspiring'. Owned by John Staluppi who said he "loves Tails and Fins".

Included in his collection is also a 1929 Pierce-Arrow car (520 bhp), which is very rare. Pierce-Arrow was once one of the most recognized names in the car industry. For 38 years, the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Company in Buffalo, New York, produced some of the finest cars made. At the time, Pierce-Arrows could be found anywhere the rich and powerful worked and played. For over 20 years, Pierce-Arrow supplied cars to the White House for the use of the President. They also sold cars to the royal families of Japan, Persia, Saudi Arabia, Greece, and Belgium. Scores of congressmen, ambassadors, governors, businessmen, and entertainers chose Pierce-Arrows for their transportation (see photo below).

John's story began in 1962 when he was working as a mechanic at a Chevrolet garage in Brooklyn, working on high-performance cars. With some financial help from his parents he went on to purchase a small gas station and eventually a car dealership. At its peak, he owned 40 dealerships. The family business (his son owns franchises in Las Vegas) still constitutes the third-largest private dealership group in the country. He eventually purchased 80,000 of floor space in a mall primarily to house his extensive collection of automobiles. He eventually accumulated 150 cars. Unfortunately, in 2018 John sold off his collection of cars and he only kept a handful. It is estimated that his collection at auction would have netted approx. US\$ 13.96 million. Such a pity. The 1929 Pierce-Arrow above sold at auction for \$176,000.

He had to take a 2nd mortgage out against his house to buy his first Corvette. The house was only worth \$18,000 at that time. John eventually sold the 1962 Corvette at the end of the 60s. In the video John said that his "99-year-old father told him that when he was clearing out the house he found the original registration papers" for the 1962 Corvette. John then tracked down the car to Chicago and bought it for a 2nd time. But after a lifetime of buying & selling for a living and a hobby, he refuses to part with his very first car. As for the next round of purchases, John said "I'll open the door to a wider variety of cars. I'll be at the auctions, buying and buying and buying. I'm excited to do this again."

Article produced by Chris Lodewyke



Wanted Sidecar Chassis and body to suit a BSA Plunger Frame A7– A10 in fair condition please contact Jeff 0456 057 339

## VAA Office Bearers 2019-2020

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**Sundowner BBQ**  
**It's on again, so come early and get your dinner cooked for you.**  
*Tony*



**SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER  
2019**

**THE BROCKWELL CLASSIC CAR RUN**

**In memory of Maurice Brockwell, this  
year's revamped run will start from  
Whiteman Park and finish at York.**

A pleasant drive to York and then enjoy the hospitality of the town, including the revitalised  
community run York Motor Museum and other attractions.  
A choice of two routes will be available

The entrance fee remains at \$10.00 per vehicle and will include free entry to the Whiteman  
Park Motor Museum, before 10:15am, for the driver and passengers.

Gates open at 8.00am and first vehicles will depart Whiteman Park from 10.15am

**Enquiries: 9249 9457**

**Mob: 0455 322 282**

**Email: [manager@motormuseumwa.com.au](mailto:manager@motormuseumwa.com.au)**

**WANTED FOR THE WORKSHOP**

If any members has the following that they could donate or loan to the workshop we would be most grateful.

Parts washer **donated by Rob Maier many thanks**

Imperial micrometres

Bore gauge or internal micrometres

Metric spanners. **Donated by Alan Warner many thanks**

Kind regards,

*Tony Warner*



## VAA MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

*For Members and Invited Guests*

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 2019 @ 10:30AM**

*at*

**VAA CLUB ROOMS**

*19 Helen Street, Bellevue.*

*Lunch \$5 per head*

*BYO drinks*

*There will be a \$5 sweep*

*Watch the race on our big screen.*

*Prizes for best ladies & gents outfits, get those fascintors  
out girls and be creative. guys.'*

**FOR CATERING PURPOSES PLEASE LET US KNOW IF  
YOU WILL BE ATTENDING - RSVP REQUIRED BY  
FRIDAY 1<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2019.**

**PHONE: Rhonda - 0409 880 378 Or Lorix - 0402 032 270**



What a great day and turnout for Bindoon. After tasting the local food/wines/oranges we checked out the arts & craft museum which was totally outstanding, I had never seen so many quilts. Always a great place to visit.  
*From Amelia*



Jim Whatley's HR

Jaguars out in force where was the VAA?



Nice Monaro and Customline

## VAA EVENTS 2019

**Don't forget our Pre Meeting Sausage Sizzle BBQ from 7:00PM**

MTH	DATE	DAY	TIME	NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	PHONE
Oct	6th	Sun	10:00AM to 3:00PM	Como Classic car show	Wesley College	<a href="http://comorotary-carshow.com">http://comorotary-carshow.com</a>	
	8th	Tue	8:00PM	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Clubrooms	Tony Warner	0417 555 073
	9th	Wed	9.30am	<b>visit Cynthia</b>	15 Helen St, Bellevue	Cynthia	0408562626
	15th	Tue	7:30PM	Committee Meeting	Clubrooms	Dave Currell	0419 998 589
	20th	Sun	8-12	Alzheimer's walk to remember	Mandurah	<a href="#">Suzanna Gaunt</a>	62711017
	19th and 20th	Sat and Sun		Historic Coalfields 500 Aus. Touring Car Revival	Collie	<a href="mailto:sheryl.swarbrick@gmail.com">sheryl.swarbrick@gmail.com</a>	0416 025 667
	27th	Sun	9:30AM to 1:00PM	German Car Day	Queens Park Gardens	<a href="mailto:secretary@mbccwa.org.au">secretary@mbccwa.org.au</a>	
	27th	Sun	10:00AM to 4:00PM	Hills Billy Cart Festival	Evans Street Mt Helena	John Bell	0413 153 227
Nov	5th	Tues	tba	<b>Melbourne Cup</b>	Clubrooms	Rhonda Barton & Loris Cooper	0409 880 378
	10th	Sun	From 8:00AM for 10:15 AM	The Brockwell Classic Car Run To York Motor Museum	Whiteman Park Motor Museum		9249 9457 0455 322 282
	12th	Tues	8:00PM	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Clubrooms	Dave Currell	0419 998 589
	13th	Wed	2.30pm	<b>Afternoon Tea and Chat</b>	10 Ailsa Court Alexander Heights	Debbie and Martin	0433 365 886
Dec	3rd	Tue	7:30PM	<b>Committee Meeting</b>	Clubrooms	Dave Currell	0419 998 589
	8th	Sun	tba	<b>VAA Xmas Party</b>	Clubrooms	Debbie Paine Loris Cooper	0433 365 886 0417 555 073
	10th	Tues	8:00PM	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Clubrooms	Dave Currell	0419 998 589
Jan	14th	Tues	8:00PM	<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	Clubrooms	Dave Currell	0419 998 589
	19th	Sun	tba	<b>Breakfast in the Park</b>	Whiteman Park	Tony Warner & Brian White	9295 1619